

SEP 19 2005

S/N 10/715,686

PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	ONISHI et al.	Examiner:	GIBBS
Serial No.:	10/715,686	Group Art Unit:	2622
Filed:	NOVEMBER 17, 2003	Docket No.:	10921.0093USD1
Title:	IMAGE READING APPARATUS AND LIGHT CONDUCTOR USED FOR THE SAME		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark office on September 19, 2005.

By: 
Name: Gina Dahl

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 9, 2005, claims 1-18 were canceled when the case was filed. See item 2 on page 1 of the application transmittal. Therefore, the Restriction Requirement is moot. Applicants request early and favorable action on the merits of the application in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

We also provide a copy of reference JP02273257 with translated abstract, as requested.

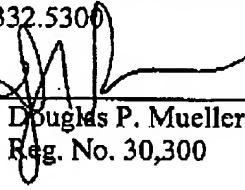
S/N 10/715,686

PATENT

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account
No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.
P.O. Box 2903
Minneapolis, MN 55402-0903
(612) 332-5300

Dated: September 19, 2005
By: 
Douglas P. Mueller
Reg. No. 30,300

DPM/gmd